

## RICHMOND NEWS LETTER

### Board of Agriculture to Meet For Organization.

#### JULIAN RUFFIN PRESIDENT

Several New Members Appointed—  
Anxious For Position—Norfolk  
Man For Lieutenant—Slot Machine  
—A Brilliant Wedding—On the Re-  
fined List—Some Army Orders—  
Other Matters of Interest.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 25.—The State Board of Agriculture will meet in this city Wednesday, February 1. The call for the meeting was sent out by Commissioner Kolner to-day.

The meeting of the board is chiefly for the purpose of organization. The Governor last week appointed five new members of the board. These must take the oath of office. President Buford resigned, and Mr. Julian Ruffin, of Hanover, was appointed in his place. A new president of the board will have to be chosen.

There are also many subject for the board to consider beside that of organization. Money is very scarce. The last Legislature made the Department of Agriculture solely dependent upon fees from the inspection of fertilizers for its support. Under the recent decision of the Supreme Court the Department will take a portion of this income for the first year, at least. The board is to devise methods of performing, even approximately, the duties assigned to it.

#### AGRICULTURAL BULLETINS.

The board is also expected to discuss the possibility of issuing bulletins for the benefit of the farmers. The advisability of doing so has long been recognized. Lack of funds has prevented, and it will probably be decided that it still prevents. Commissioner Kolner is strongly in favor of sending out bulletins, and has expressed the opinion that this feature of the work of the Department could be made one of its most valuable.

The subject of cattle quarantine is also expected to receive the attention of the board. There is always an increased movement of cattle in the spring, with increased danger of violation of the quarantine laws. The board is expected to take action looking to the rigid enforcement of the regulations.

There will be a very determined effort made at the next session of the Legislature to secure an increased appropriation for the Department of Agriculture. "We are completely hampered by lack of funds," said Commissioner Kolner. "I had no idea they were so limited. At every turn I run up on our poverty. I realize that a great many things could be done to make the department of very great benefit to the farmers. Lack of money prevents it being of very great use in any direction, save as a medium by which the people who sell him fertilizers can be made to give him a fair product."

The Department of Agriculture, it was frequently pointed out at the last session of the Legislature, is the only thing in the State government that is distinctively the farmers', and it is due the farmers of the State that it be made as effective as possible, by means of appropriations as liberal as the conditions of the State Treasury will warrant.

#### ANXIOUS FOR POSITION.

Governor Tyler is surprised to find that there is such great desire on the part of Virginia citizens to serve on the Board of State Institutions. He is absolutely swamped with applications and letters of endorsement. He is making up a list of these appointments and has about completed it. They will be given out in a few days. The terms of most of the members of the board expire April 15th. There will be many changes. The Governor will scatter the appointments throughout the State much more than they have been in the past. Many counties have no representatives on the State boards. Several have never had one. A number have several.

"No Quarant!"  
There is no sense in trifling with disease. Death is a ready enough to overpower poor humanity at the least opportunity without our adding anything to the deadly chances by carelessness or inaction. Death is not the sort of an enemy to dilly-dally with, nor give the slightest quarter. He should be bayoneted with a sure and vigorous thrust.

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There is also a warm contest on for the appointment of members of the Board of Visitors of the Central State Hospital, at Petersburg. The selection has been made, and will be announced in a short time.

#### NORFOLK MAN FOR LIEUTENANT.

Governor Tyler has written to the Secretary of War, asking the appointment of Mr. Francis de Cordy Matthews, of Norfolk, as a second lieutenant in the marine corps. Mr. Matthews brought himself to the notice of the Governor by his activity in the organization of the State naval reserves. He is said to be well fitted for a commission in the marine service.

#### FOR RUNNING A SLOT MACHINE.

Raphael Francione, a saloon keeper, was to-day fined \$100 and sentenced to one day in jail for operating a slot machine. In passing judgment Justice Crutchfield said:

"There is no doubt in the world that Mr. Francione has been operating these machines. When they were declared illegal I stated that I considered them worse than faro banks. The extreme penalty in cases of this kind is twelve months in jail and \$500 fine. I shall fine Mr. Francione \$100 and costs and send him to jail for one day. I desire to say, however, that I have heard that other machines are in operation. I am going to break this thing up and the next one who comes before me will receive more severe punishment than I have given Mr. Francione."

It is understood that the law is being similarly violated in nearly all the cities and towns of the State.

#### ON THE RETIRED LIST.

Lieutenant Leonard Marbury, Company A, Alexandria, has been placed on the retired list. Lieutenant Marbury was assigned prior to his company's being mustered into the national service as Company F, Third Virginia Regiment.

#### A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Miss Lelia Carroll Bridges and Mr. George Hutchings, of Galveston, Tex., were married in St. Paul's church to-day, Bishop Jaggar officiating. The wedding was a very brilliant affair. The bride and groom left at once for New York, whence they will sail for Geneva. They will spend a year abroad.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. Clifford Cabell Bridges, and a granddaughter of Mr. David Bridges. On the maternal side she is of fine old Maryland descent, being a granddaughter of the late distinguished surgeon, Dr. Charles Marshall, of that State. She is one of a family noted for the beauty and personal charm of its women, and has been greatly admired wherever she has visited. Some years ago the removal of her parents from Richmond withdrew her to a great degree, from the social life of her birthplace, but in no degree lessened her hold upon fashionable regard.

Mr. Hutchings is a son of one of the most prominent bankers in Galveston, and personally enjoys high regard in the social and business circles of that city. St. Paul's was thronged with friends of both parties, and was beautiful with its Christmas decorations yet untouched, and its palms and lilies.

#### SOME ARMY ORDERS.

A special from Washington to-day says: These discharges have been ordered: Privates John C. Uewiller, Company C, Fourth Virginia Infantry, now in Philadelphia, and Daniel Etheridge, Company B, First North Carolina Infantry, now at Sauleston, N. C."

## NEWPORT NEWS

### In Jail Awaiting Trial For Murder.

Thirty Witnesses to Testify Against Wood, the Slayer of Glover—Desperado Convicted—A Merry Fight—Overdue Vessels Arrive.

Newport News, Va., January 25.—Walter L. Wood, who is now in jail charged with the murder of John J. Glover, has not yet employed counsel. Wood is waiting and in the meantime, it is said, his friends are working.

Wood sent for Attorney R. M. Lett and had a consultation with him in jail yesterday, but when questioned this morning, Mr. Lett stated that he had not been retained and as far as he knew Wood had not yet engaged counsel.

It seems now that Wood has more friends than at first believed by those of the deceased theatre manager, and it is intimated that Wood may be able to get enough money to employ first-class counsel. Of course, this is only rumor and cannot be stated with any certainty, as what friends the prisoner has are not talking.

#### DESPERATE NEGRO CONVICTED.

The jury sitting in the case of Tom Ash, the negro who was tried in the Warwick County Court for assault with intent to kill, brought in its verdict yesterday, finding the defendant guilty and fixing his punishment at one year in the State penitentiary.

The man Tom Ash is said to be a desperate character. Some days ago, it is said, in revengeful spirit, he carried off the little son of Thomas Allen in a boat and put him ashore on the other side of the river, near Chuckatuck. The boy was found about a week later wandering about near Oriano, having secured passage across the river again.

#### MERRY LITTLE FIGHT.

The merry little fight that is now being waged between candidates for the position of quarantine officer for the port of Newport News, a very desirable office, promises in a few days to take on the shape of a veritable war with others than those in the scramble participating.

Governor Tyler says that he is strongly inclined to have a committee of representative men of Newport News consider the matter carefully and make a recommendation. Whether or not he will do so remains to be seen. At any rate, there will be considerable hustling in political circles in the few weeks preceding the appointment, which will be made by the Governor March 1st.

#### OVERDUE VESSELS ARRIVE.

The Chesapeake and Ohio liner Apomattox arrived this morning from London two days overdue. Captain Foall's ship did not catch much of the stiff weather which held the Chesapeake and Ohio liners, the Shenandoah and Chickahominy, out considerably over time.

out and is now six days overdue. No apprehension is felt for the safety of the big British steamship, which has made a number of trips in and out of this port. Shipping men say that if it is possible for Captain Owen to bring the vessel in she will get here all right.

The vessels encountered stiff gales en route.

#### WILL THROW UP CONTRACT.

If the Council does not make some arrangement for the benefit of Messrs. M. H. H. and Sons can obtain the benefit of their money which is now tied up in the hands of the City Treasurer, amounting to some \$18,000, the sewer contractors will certainly throw up their contract with the city.

Mr. H. W. Honan arrived in the city this morning from Chester, Pa., and in the day called on Mayor Moss in company with his counsel, Attorney W. T. Moss. Attorney Moss handed the Mayor a communication to that effect.

#### BRIEF MENTION.

The Commonwealth has something like thirty or more witnesses in the Wood murder case, the evidence of most of whom has already been obtained in the form of sworn statements. It is not known what Wood has in the way of evidence, or what he is going to do in the matter of defence. He has, as yet, secured no attorney.

Miss Susanah Harriet Fennessy, of this city, and Mr. Henry M. Tucker, of Richmond, were married this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Washington Avenue Methodist Church. Rev. Bernard F. Lipscomb performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of friends.

Governor Tyler has accepted an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Newport News Democratic Club on the 29th instant, and also an invitation to the banquet of the American Democratic Club, at Newport News, on the 30th.

Deputy United States Marshal S. Benditt, of Richmond, has arrived in Hampton with Albert E. Owens, alias William Smith, of Mathews county, charged with violating the postal laws. The prisoner was jailed here to await trial before a commissioner.

Mr. Robert W. Traylor, an Elk, will give a complimentary smoker to the local Elk lodge at their rooms, on King street, to-night. The attendance of all the members is desired. Important business will come before the regular executive session.

## SUFFOLK BUDGET

### Gone to Settle With the State Treasurer.

Timber For Mayor—Donated a Finger to a Saw—A Councilman's Trip—New Gasoline Engine—Two Marriages—Personal Notes.

(By Telegraph to Virginia-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Jan. 25.—County Treasurer S. T. Ellis left at 5:05 p. m. to-day for Richmond to settle with the "old man," as Auditor Mayre is often called by treasurers. This is the regular semi-annual mid-winter settlement which Mr. Ellis went to fix to-day. He went prepared to pay up all that is coming from Nansmond at this time, nearly \$9,000.

Treasurer Ellis says his collections have been closer this year than ever. There is some improvement in every magisterial district over the same date in 1898. He says the farmers are absolutely in better financial condition than they have known for several years. They have fewer unsettled obligations.

#### TIMBER FOR MAYOR.

Politics next spring is going to be a tolerably warm proposition. That is when all the town officers—salaries and honoraries—except one, will be filled. Besides the elections in town all the county officers come together this time. Most of them have opposition.

There will be some new Mayor's timber in Suffolk this time. Former Councilman Junius T. Parker said to-night he had about decided to enter the race. Councilman J. Walter Hosier has been talked of for Mayor, but has not concluded to fight for it yet.

#### THE SAW DIDN'T STOP.

Mr. Lige Lawrence had another accident at the plant of the Nansmond Truck Package Company to-day. He was fooling around a heading saw and very carelessly let his hand come in contact with the teeth. The saw was not injured, but when Mr. Lawrence removed his hand a part of one finger was gone. It was the index finger on the right hand.

Mr. Lawrence is the same man who fell into a hot vat some time ago and had his trousers boiled without taking them off. He has been with the Nansmond Truck Package Company ever since their plant was started.

#### PROPERTY CONVEYED.

Two bargain and sale deeds were put on record at the County Clerk's office to-day:

George T. Holland and wife, of Telfair county, Ga., to H. L. Brewer, Jr., of Suffolk, one lot on the east side of North street, \$400.

Cyrus T. Whaley and wife, of Whaleyville, to G. B. Robertson, Nansmond county, one lot in Whaleyville, \$150.

#### COUNCILMAN NORFOLK'S TRIP.

Councilman John B. Norfleet, of Suffolk, who left Sunday for Los Vegas, New Mexico, will arrive in that town to-morrow morning. The remains of the late V. C. Beaman, which have already been embalmed, will be started to Suffolk probably to-morrow evening. It is expected the funeral will take place here next Tuesday.

#### NEW GASOLINE ENGINE.

Contractor Burwell Riddick is going to have the first gasoline engine ever put up in Suffolk. It will be located at his plant, on East Washington street, between Main and Franklin. A contractor is expected to arrive here to-morrow and begin putting machinery in position. The engine is ten horse power and will be used to run corrugating pipe and eve trough machines. It's cheaper to operate than a steam engine.

#### TWO JANUARY BRIDES.

Captain Thomas J. Thompson, of the county, will to-morrow be wedded to Miss Sarah E. Dowty, daughter of Richard Dowty. Captain Thompson has been married before. The license was issued to-day.

Miss Mollie Nelms was to-day married to Mr. Richard H. Joyner. The bride is a daughter of Joseph M. Nelms and is a native of Isle of Wight county.

#### THEY DON'T KNOW WHEN.

A personal letter received in Suffolk to-day from a member of the Fourth

Virginia Regiment, now in Cuba, said the boys were hoping to be mustered out in ninety days. The ninety days estimate though is only a guess, and it is not positively known they will be mustered out in several months.

#### A FEW PERSONALS.

Superintendent G. H. Coleman, of the Water Works, was looking after the company's interest at this end to-day.

Mr. J. T. Crawford, of Richmond, was in Suffolk to-day.

Captain E. B. Britt and Mr. F. T. Jones left to-day for Southampton, to look after the birds, where a dozen coveys are sometimes found in one field.

The Suffolk Saw-Mill Company was shut down to-day for repairs to machinery.

Mr. Grayson Burruss, of Baltimore, representing the British America Fire Company, of Toronto, visited Harper & West to-day.

Mr. W. E. Mingle, of Roanoke, Va., was registered at the Commercial Hotel to-day.

Mrs. W. E. Lloyd and daughter, of Norfolk, came this afternoon to visit her father, Mr. R. Tatterton, on North street.

Mr. J. A. Walte, of Saratoga, N. Y., arrived to-day for a short visit to Suffolk friends.

Sherman Davis, a colored man living on Church street, lost by death a small child last night.

Mr. Jesse Partridge, of Norfolk, came to-day to visit Mr. T. M. Edlinton's family.

Mr. G. Yerby Kerr, of Baltimore, arrived to-day for a brief stay with friends.

#### VIRGINIA COLORED GIRLS.

They Create a Sensation in Northern Kitchens.

(Springfield (Mass.) Republican.)

There has been an increasing tendency of late in some localities to escape from the whimsicalities of Northern-bred female help and to import colored girls from the South, and a good many maids of real Virginia birth and bringing-up have entered Springfield families. But the Southern colored girl has been found to have her whims, and many of them, too, and her education in kitchen methods and general culture does not always indicate an acquaintance with service in the households of the "F. F. V.'s." In short, some of them exhibit eccentricities that are fairly dazzling.

Agencies have been established in the South whose business it is to furnish "competent" help for export. Agents in Richmond have sent a number of colored girls to this city, some of whom have exhibited signs of considerable intelligence and ability; others a talent for doing things in the clumsiest way possible. There is evidently a large supply of "help" to draw upon in Virginia for no difficulty is experienced in finding girls to send North. The trouble comes in finding those who are of any value when they get here.

Some of the girls are daughters of colored farmers who have some little means. These are likely to be able to read and write and to have enough knowledge of geography to know where Massachusetts is, in a general way. In the kitchen they know how to prepare some dishes very well; but they seem to have come North partly for their health and the fun of the thing and partly to secure Northern men of color for husbands. The constant pursuit of the latter object is likely to diminish their efficiency in household service and the charm of the Northern colored men has deprived more than one family of a maid who exhibited evidence of being at some time valuable. Other girls sent up from the South with the label of "competent" attached seem to have come from the rift-rift of the colored population. Densely ignorant, full of curious superstition, so poor that they have absolutely no clothing except the few rags on their backs, they are still good-humored, careless and apparently animated only by the desire to have as good a time as possible, and when discharged to take as much with them as they can.

One girl from the South said that she supposed a servant in the North never had to buy any clothing. "Down in Virginia," she said, "the ladies never wear their close very long, and then they give 'em to us. I 'sposed everybody in the North was rich and had lots of good old close." She was also much surprised that a Northern woman would lift a hand to do anything about the house. When this girl came she brought a trunk with her, absolutely empty. The thin, worn clothes she had on allowed the cold winds of the Connecticut valley to penetrate unobstructed. Albina—so she called herself and no one ever ascertained her last name—came up with a companion, Robert, got lost in New York, where

they suffered for two or three days, and finally reached Springfield, destitute and forlorn. She stayed here for a few weeks, paid for her transportation, and when she had \$7 to her credit left for Boston with her companion in search of new fields to conquer. The empty trunk was full to overflowing with clothing and what not. No one had the courage to go to the bottom of it to see what she was carrying away with her. An inventory of what was left gave some indication. While these girls were here they created a diversion in the neighborhood, for they were as untamed as a pair of colts. They had a fondness for flying about the neighborhood with heads turned back with a towel or apron. One evening, just at dusk, they were seen scampering about one of the parks and rolling in the snow. They evidently thought the parks a forbidden pleasure. They said there was a sign on the parks of Richmond, reading, "No dogs and niggers allowed in this park," and, said they, "There ain't no niggers 'lowed in there without deysee wheelin' a white baby."

These girls were absolutely irresponsible. Instructions taught nothing, scoldings were as though unheard. A good natured smile and a long drawn out "Yahsim" greeted each suggestion and the faults were straightway repeated. Albina's mistress awoke one morning to find the washing on the line in a frightful state of confusion. Every article had been knotted while wet and allowed to dry in the state which a boy in swimming would characterize as "chaw raw beef." Every stocking had two or three hard knots in it and several of them were tied together. Some undergarments had been split and tied hard to the posts in much the attitude of the Colossus of Rhodes. No one was able absolutely to locate the perpetrator, but it finally reached the ears of Albina's mistress that she had told Roberta, who had told an acquaintance, Maria, who had told somebody else that Albina herself had done it. This was rather hard on Albina's intelligence, for she had to undo the knots herself. Roberta illustrated her curious notions one day. Something was the matter with her palate and she thought her tongue had got turned over in her throat. Her mistress offered to summon medical aid, but Roberta knew a better method than that. She had Albina tie her hair very tightly on the top of her head, which was a certain cure. Sure enough, nothing more was heard of the throat trouble.

The girls were as fond of dancing as the plantation darkey, and their exhibitions in this line, indulged whenever there was opportunity, would have made a hit on any stage. The girls thought the posts in the wash-house themselves one evening, and had a regular plantation head-down in the kitchen. Some of the women of the house happened along and were unobserved witnesses of the scene. First Albina would dance and Roberta would clap for her, and then Albina would clap while Roberta danced. By and by a laugh gave the witnesses of the scene away, and

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There was a lively scurrying in the kitchen. Another girl who came from the South was peculiar in another way. She had evidently been something of a belle down in Virginia. She was engaged to be married when she left the South. While on the trip North she met another young colored man who won her heart and she promised to be his bride. When she reached Springfield there were several earnest applicants for her hand and what with letters from the South, visits from her traveling acquaintance who located in Hartford, and the competition between her local admirers, her social duties left little time for her to attend to her household affairs. She was a progressive person. As soon as she had saved money enough she bought herself a sewing-machine, which she ran "between times," and soon she began to make her appearance in toilets which dazzled the colored population. By and by a wedding tresson had to be provided, and the machine buzzed more and more at the expense of the household. She made herself a stunning blue silk wedding gown, with a long train and veil, and recently she was married. She told everybody that she was going to marry her Southern fiancé, but she didn't. She married one of her Springfield admirers, and instead of going South is a permanent addition to Springfield society.

President McKinley's steward, whose name is Sinclair, is considered a most careful buyer. He served President Cleveland eight years, and Mr. Cleveland recommended him to Mr. McKinley. His salary, fixed by law and paid by the Government, is \$1,800 a year. He has an office in the basement of the White House, but lives with his family on Sixteenth street, a few blocks distant. He is responsible for all the property belonging to the United States within the Executive Mansion, and is bonded for \$20,000. The value of some of the property under his care, from a historical standpoint, is incalculable.

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